

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: May 22, 2020

Phase 1 Progress

Lane County has been in Phase 1 for one week today. More and more businesses and opportunities are opening in the area as a part of phase 1. Phase 1 continues the recommendations for social distancing and includes specific requirements for different types of businesses.

Additionally the Stay Home order under phase 1 is still in place, however it has been modified to mean staying within 50 – 75 miles of home. Residents are encouraged to get out and enjoy their local areas. Traveling outside the local area is discouraged. Many recreational opportunities are opening in the area this weekend. Hiking trails, campgrounds and other facilities are open. The social distancing and other requirements that limit the number of people are still in place. Also some facilities such as restrooms may not be open. Please check ahead of time to verify what is available. Staying home in our own area can help successfully meet the requirements to advance to Phase 2. It also avoids putting a burden on other communities that may not have the resources for an influx of visitors.

Many businesses are open in the community. Try to stay home in Cottage Grove and visit our local businesses. Be sure to follow any guidelines that the businesses have established for your safety and the safety of their employees. Be aware many of the requirements the businesses have may be requirements they must follow to be open. As customers we will have to be patient and respectful. We may also have to pay extra attention to be sure to follow all signs and directions. Check ahead to verify the business you wish to visit is open. Some businesses are still trying to complete the required preparations to open.

All City parks are open, however some equipment or structures are still closed in the parks. All playground equipment, basketball courts, picnic shelters and the skate park are closed. This weekend we plan to open the newly surfaced tennis and pickleball courts, once the contractor's work is complete and inspected.

Memorial Day Ceremony

The City of Cottage Grove will be partnering with the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars to host (hopefully) a virtual live streamed Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 25th at 11:00 am. The current plans are that the ceremony will be broadcast live on South Lane Community Broadcasting channel 14.4. as well as live streamed on the City's YouTube Channel (City of Cottage Grove). There will be no public attendance at the Ceremony. The ceremony will also be available on the City's Facebook page and YouTube channel after the event.

Oregon National Guard Flyover

The Oregon Air National Guard have scheduled a flyover by F-15 Eagle pilots from the 173rd Fighter Wing out of Kingsley Field in Klamath Falls on Monday, May 25th to salute Oregonians on the forefront of the COVID-19 pandemic, lift morale during a time of severe health and economic impacts, and

remember those brave service members who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom. The flyover should pass over Cottage Grove at about 11:18 am.

"The flyovers are . . . aimed at supporting and thanking healthcare workers, first responders, and other essential workers who are working to keep Oregonians safe and healthy each day," the Air National Guard said in a statement. "The tribute also hopes to unify and boost the spirits of Oregonians and to recognize military members who have lost their lives in service to our country."

Anyone living in and around the listed hospitals and other locations should see and hear the jets. People are encouraged to view the flights from the safety of their own homes and practice physical distancing.

The flyovers listed below are scheduled for the following locations at the approximate times Monday, May 25 and include previously approved Memorial Day flyover locations:

10:50 a.m. Sky Lakes Medical Center, Klamath Falls, Ore.
10:58 a.m. VA White City, Ore.
11:10 a.m. VA Roseburg Health Care System, Roseburg, OR
11:10 a.m. Mercy Medical Center, Roseburg, Ore.
11:18 a.m. PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Med. Center, Cottage Grove, Ore.
11:22 a.m. McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center, Springfield, Ore.
11:22 a.m. PeaceHealth Medical Center at Riverbend, Springfield, Ore.
11:24 a.m. PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center, Eugene, Ore.
11:40 a.m. Peace Harbor Medical Center, Florence, Ore.
11:44 a.m. Lower Umpqua Hospital, Reedsport, Ore.
12:00 p.m. Asante Three Rivers Medical Center, Grants Pass, Ore.
12:00 p.m. Grants Pass Riverside Park, Grants Pass, Ore.
12:10 p.m. Brookings Harbor, Brookings, Ore.

The flyovers are a part of "Operation: American Resolve," aimed at saluting those at the forefront of the COVID-19 response. The Air National Guard says that the flights are done in conjunction with regularly scheduled training.

"Pilots must perform a minimum number of flight hours to maintain proficiency. These flyovers will incur no additional cost to taxpayers and are done in lieu of regularly scheduled training," the National Guard said.

These flyovers mark an end to the Oregon Air National Guard's flyovers in Oregon. To date, the Oregon Air National Guard has flown approximately 1,920 miles, covering 53 hospitals and other locations. All passes are approximately 2,000 feet above ground level at approximately 400 mph airspeed. Flights could be canceled or times changed due to inclement weather or operational contingencies.

Anyone who gets video or photos of the F-15s flying overhead are encouraged to post on social media using the hashtags: #AirForceSalutes, #AFFlyover,

The Oregon Air National Guard has been an integral part of the nation's air defense since 1941. Pilots from the 173rd Fighter Wing and the 142nd Wing train for a variety of mission skill sets in order to maintain combat readiness for the defense of our state and nation. Additionally, the 142nd Wing provides around-the-clock Aerospace Control Alert for the defense of our homeland, while the 173rd FW is home to the sole F-15C pilot training facility for the United States Air Force. Both units also respond to state and national emergencies as directed by the Governor of Oregon.

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 1888 Harvey. While you are out walking in the parks or enjoying the community this weekend make note of any yards that deserve recognition as Yard of the Week. Please turn in any recommendations to the Chamber of Commerce or the City Manager's office.

Cottage Village Applications Open

Cottage Village, our tiny house village for low and extremely low income people, is now accepting applications. Potential residents must attend an information session. Sign-up and eligibility requirements are available at: www.squareonevillages.org under the Cottage Village link. Local preference will be given to Cottage Grove applicants. Any potential applicants unable to access the internet can call (541)-525-0501 to RSVP for one of the information sessions.

Cottage Village Virtual Open House

Join the Cottage Village for their first Virtual House Party on Sunday, June 7th from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. At the party you'll hear about SquareOne's work over the years and be able to tour Cottage Village in Cottage Grove – the first rural village. Join the party by visiting the Cottage Village website, Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

South Lane Wheels

South Lane Wheels will restart modified service on Tuesday, May 26th. The modified Door to Door service will operate from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm each weekday for the next 8 weeks at reduced price of \$2.00 per trip for local trips within the Cottage Grove area. Metro service between Cottage Grove, Creswell, Springfield and Eugene will also resume at regular prices. For the security of our passengers and drivers, South Lane Wheels will adhere to safety guidelines that will include social distancing, passenger limits and regular bus wipe downs, among health precautions. For that reason, all passengers are required to wear a face mask.

It is important to note this is not an LTD service, it is a modified version of South Lane Wheels proprietary service, so it does not operate the same as the LTD Connector and LTD fare is not accepted. The service is reservation only and must be called into SLW dispatchers at (541) 942-0456 x1. You may schedule trips in advance but we will also try to accommodate same day requests as we are able. In both cases you will need to call in your pickup (date and time), as well as the time of your return trip.

Branch and Limb Drop Off Site Closing

This weekend is the last chance to drop off branches and limbs at the drop site on North 12th Street. The site will close Tuesday morning May 26th. Today is the last day for the branch and limb pick up throughout the City. Please do not place any additional branches and limbs out for the crew to pick up. City staff has removed approximately 400 cubic yards of branches and citizens have dropped off an estimated 600 cubic yards at the drop site. Thank you to everyone that has used this City service as it is a great alternative to burning and helping keep our air clean and protecting those that have respiratory challenges. The branches and limbs will be chipped in the very near future and available for citizens to use on their property. Watch for notices telling when the chips will be available.

Bohemia Park Light Poles

16 new light poles have been installed and are operational along the walking paths north of the pond in Bohemia Park. This completes the lighting plan for the park allowing for extended use of the walking paths in the winter months and improves safety. The Bohemia Foundation thanks PakTech, Builders Electric, Jeffrey Faville Masonry, and the City Utility & Maintenance Staff for their contributions to the new light poles.

City Offices Closed Monday for Memorial Day

The City of Cottage Grove offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2020 in observance of Memorial Day.

City to Improve North Regional Park

What would you do to make North Regional Park better?

The City of Cottage Grove recently began a project to answer that question. The park will undergo the same type of update process which resulted in the improvement of Row River Park (formerly East Regional Park).

The first stage of the project **involves a community survey**, which is where you come in. The short survey is designed for everyone in the community, regardless of whether you have been to North Regional Park or not. In either case, we would love to know what you think. Additionally, **there will be a**

chance to win a \$50 gift card to Bi-Mart for those who complete the survey! Just make sure to enter your email address at the end of the survey.

Click here to take the survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NRP_Survey

If you have any questions about the survey, contact John Larson-Friend – Cottage Grove Planning Intern at jfriend@uoregon.edu.



The poster features the City of Cottage Grove Oregon logo at the top left. The main title is "What Do You Think About Our Park?" in large, white, sans-serif font on a blue background. Below the title, it says "Respond to this survey by June 14, 2020". The central part of the poster has a green background with a stylized illustration of a park with trees and a path. Text on this background asks "The City wants to know! What do you love? What would you improve?". At the bottom, there is a QR code and the text "Take a survey for a chance to win a \$50 Bi-Mart gift card! Scan the QR Code with your smartphone or go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NRP_Survey". A small sign in the illustration reads "NORTH REGIONAL PARK DISC GOLF COURSE".



Quote of the Week

"It takes no more time to see the good side of life than to see the bad."

~Jimmy Buffett~